IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| Application I | No. 09/891,774 |) Confirmation No. 2703 |
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| Applicants: | BLACK et al. | |
| Title: | Auto Rack Railway Car | |
| Art Unit: | 3683 |) |
| Examiner: | Rodriguez, Pamela |) |
| Attorney Docket: 70255 | | . <i>)</i>) |
| Customer No.: 22242 | | <u>'</u> |

RESPONSE

Mail Stop AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office action of April 21, 2006, a Notice of Appeal was filed. That appeal is withdrawn, and a Request for Continued Examination is filed contemporaneously herewith.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.